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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: SANTO DOMINGO-SANTIAGO HIGHWAY

REF: SD 3903, SEPTEMBER 25, 1974

1. IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS APRIL 21, AN OFFICIAL OF THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT OF THE PRESIDENCY ANNOUNCED THAT THE IDB HAD APPROVED THE CONTRACT FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DESIGN OF THE WIDENED SANTO DOMINGO-SANTIAGO HIGHWAY (THE DUARTE HIGHWAY). COST FOR THE STUDY IS \$762,200.21; FREDERIC R. HARRIS, INC. (NY) IS THE CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRM.
 2. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, HARRIS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN SELECTED BY THE GODR TO DO THE STUDY SOME SEVEN MONTHS AGO. THE USUAL TIME LAG BETWEEN VIRTUAL DECISION AND PRESIDENTIALLY-APPROVED ANNOUNCEMENT WAS APPARENTLY LENGTHENED BY A VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL, PRESENTED BY A MAJOR DOMINICAN PROMOTER/BUILDER, TO CONSTRUCT THE FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY IMMEDIATELY AND WITHOUT BENEFIT OF ADDITIONAL STUDY, FINANCED INDIRECTLY BY VENEZUELAN OIL FUNDS.
 3. ONE SANTO DOMINGO NEWSPAPER APRIL 22 QUOTED AN IDB SOURCE IN WASHINGTON AS PREDICTING THAT FINAL COST OF THE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE BETWEEN \$80 AND \$220 MILLION. AN APPROACH TO THE IDB FOR FINANCING IS PROBABLE ONCE THE NINE-MONTH STUDY IS COMPLETED. THIS REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. CONSTRUCTION FIRMS; THE VENEZUELAN, HOWEVER, WILL NO DOUBT
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